



American Waste Systems Donation to Marion Police Department



“We must stand behind our men and women in uniform and provide them with the tools they need to carry out their jobs in a safe and efficient manner”

“It is the responsibility of all citizens to support their local police and fire departments, they are the reason we sleep peacefully at night, walk without worry during the day, and know we can take to the road with some confidence that we will make it to our destination un-accosted”

Jim Heustess, President & Leland C. Parker, SC General Manager with American Waster Systems

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ith each coming year, technology and innovation progress at an astounding rate. With limited budgets and the high cost of new technology, cities can be hard pressed to keep up with these changes. In order for our men and women in uniform to keep pace local police departments look to their corporate citizens for support.

Those at American Waste Systems, Inc., (AWS) -- our local garbage company, with its SC Headquarters located on Main St. in Marion -- feel that it is their duty to support those who risk their lives in order to protect our community. On behalf of AWS, Tish Sealey and Leland Parker presented a check for five thousand dollars on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 to Mayor Bobby Davis at City Hall. Those funds will purchase a mobile computer, dash camera, and other mandated peripheral devices for one of the City’s police vehicles.

“We are hoping that our small gesture will encourage other businesses in Marion to contribute what they can in strengthening our City” said Jim Heustess, President of American Waste.

The City of Marion is currently seeking to fully equip its 23 cars, 4 sedans, and 1 SUV with on-board computers, dash cameras and tablets in order to meet requirements of South Carolina Code 56-5-2953 (among others). It goes without saying that the City will need the support of others, in addition to grants, in order to accomplish this.

The City of Marion Aid Tornado Victims



The City of Marion comes to the aid of the tornado victims in Oklahoma. Tornadoes tore a massive path of destruction and caused several deaths throughout the state of Oklahoma in May 2013. Various schools, houses, and businesses were totally destroyed. The devastation left many speechless and without any means to survive. The community’s overwhelming response brought in various everyday items that are often taken for granted. It was a united effort that defines what giving is all about. Mayor Bobby L. Davis, with the members of City Council and City Administrator Alan Ammons emphasized the belief that **“THROUGH UNITY WE SUCCEED”**.

Don't miss our fun day at **Withla-coochee Park** on **September 21**, beginning at **9:00 A.M** until **12:00 P.M.** More details on **page 4.**

Historic Marion is a great place to visit, shop, dine and live. Visit the City of Marion online at www.marionsc.gov and on Facebook under City of Marion, South Carolina.

Employee of the Month



The City of Marion is proud to announce Sanitation Department employee Richard Moody as its July 2013 Employee of the Month.

Richard has been employed with the City of Marion since 2009 and was previously named Employee of the Month in September 2011. He is responsible for collecting large household items and yard debris from citizens and transporting these items to the landfill. In addition to keeping the debris cleaned up, Richard also assists the City with tree trimming and other beautification projects.

“Richard is one of our most dependable employees. He has a strong work ethic and is always courteous to our residents and the other employees in the department”, said

Sanitation Superintendent Winky Fore.

Richard is also employed part-time with the Marion Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Brenda, are life-long residents of Marion.

The Mayor and Council recognized Richard Moody for his dedicated service to the City of Marion and its citizens at the August 13th Council Meeting .

Alzheimer’s Association Support Meetings

The Alzheimer’s Association hosts a support group for family caregivers. The support group meetings are held every second Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be held at Carolinas Hospital, 2829 E. Highway 76, Mullins SC, on September 14, 2013 from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The support group offers education, resources and, most importantly, support for those individuals caring for a loved one with dementia. The support groups are facilitated by Natalia K. Feely, RN. Please RSVP to reserve your spot. If you need assistance with a sitter while you attend the meeting the Alzheimer’s Association will pay the cost. For more information, please call (843) 423-1888.

Come out and learn, share and support one another.

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Gwyn Anne Sawyer-Smith and Bill Smith, 212 Amber Street, have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for August 2013. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community’s unique character. Gwyn Anne and Bill will be receiving a gift certificate from Tru Green Nursery in recognition of this honor.

Marion Chamber ribbon-cutting Ceremony



The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Marion Express, Corp. on Friday July 26. Located at 1015 East Godbold Street, the business is owned

by Sal Saldi and managed by Nicki Martin. Marion Chamber President, Dianne Herrington and City of Mayor Bobby L. Davis, City Administrator Alan Ammons, along with other Chamber Board members, friends and family members welcomed this new business to our community. For more information on their services and products call their store at 843-423-1155.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Open each Saturday.....

Olde Towne Marion’s Farmers Market & Market Place. On Main Street, as well as the Community Farmer’s Market.

Olde Towne Marion’s Farmers Market is open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and welcoming new farmer Louie Perkins and new crafters Claudine Prosser and Heather Smith. Claudine bakes breads, muffins and cookies and sells them every Saturday.

Along with Olde Towne Marion’s own produce, the Farmers Market offers a wide variety of produce and vegetables for everyone. Brent and Bob have new plants as well.

Monday, September 2nd....City offices closed to observe Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, September 4th.....8:30 a.m., Rise and Shine at Bridgers Drug Store in their new building (the old bank building, formerly HMRA building).

Tuesday, September 9th..... 6:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

Saturday, September 17th....6:30 p.m., Arts Council, Annual Meeting, Opera House, will have an auction of the arts fundraiser.

Saturday, September 19th....6:30 p.m., United Fund Gala, Guest Speaker Head Coach Cliff Ellis from Coastal Carolina.

Saturday, September 21st....9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., City of Marion’s **PLAY DAY** at Withlacoochee Park. **COME PLAY WITH US!!! FUN, FUN, FUN AND MORE FUN:)** For more information contact Russ Smith at (843) 423-5410 or email rsmith@marionsc.gov.

Saturday, September 21st.... Marion Police Fish Fry Fundraiser. 1st Corn Hole Tournament. Mural Unveiling. All this happens at the downtown Historic District lots on Main Street starting at 9:00 a.m. with the Farmers Markets. Call Chuck 423-9918 for more information.

Saturday, September 28th....10:00 A.M. Golden Leaf Festival, Mullins’ Smith Haven Park, Parade is on Main Street, with crafts, food vendors and more. A day filled with family and fun. For more information email scpumpkin@aol.com or vmspyce12@aol.com.

Wednesday, October 2nd.... Rise and Shine TBA

Saturday, October 5th.... 7:00 a.m. Olde Towne Marion Community-wide yard sale in the parking lot on Harlee Street . \$5 per space, call Chuck 423-9918 for more information.

Tuesday, October 24th.... Mayor Bobby L. Davis State of the City Address, Marion Opera House, 12:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00, includes lunch.

October 1st thru Oct. 31st....Scarecrow contest on downtown Main Street. Merchant and groups put up their scarecrow on downtown lamp-posts. Winners receive \$50.00 gift certificates.

NEED HELP?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

Mayor Bobby L. Davis, (843) 423-5961, Ext. 21

Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19

Pam Jones, City Clerk, Ext. 10

Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18

Elizabeth Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Planning & Zoning, Ext. 11

Elizabeth Fிக, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614

Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22

Russ Smith, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410

Jim Gray, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616

Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602

Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616

Questions or to share information for the Swamp Fox Scene, please email vnichols@marionsc.gov

UNITED FUND

The Annual United Fund Gala will be Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Marion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The Guest speaker is head coach Cliff Ellis from Coastal Carolina College. Dinner will be served by Shuler's BBQ. Reservations are required and you must pay in advance. Tables are \$300.00 (seats 8 people) or \$50.00 per person. Business/casual attire. To make reservations or for information call Judy Stanton at 423-3411, President, Harold Herlong 423-1053, or Leland Parker 765-3390.

Yoga Classes Set

Yoga classes are offered each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the fire department sub-station on Senator Gasque Road. Taught by Judy Johnson and Frances Bethea, the classes are \$5 each or \$30 per month. For information or details, call the Recreation Department at 423-5410 or Judy Johnson at 423-3561.

Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics resumed on August 5th and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Mondays and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are **FREE**, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

CDJ Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

Back to School Bingo

We had our 3rd annual Back to School Bingo on July 25, 2013. We all had a great time with the parents and kids. We offered the kids a chance to play regular bingo to win school supplies. All the kids that participated in the program left with something. No child left empty handed. After bingo, the kids and parents got to enjoy a hot dog, chips & juice lunch. We look forward to having another great Back to School bingo next year. A Big thanks goes out to the following businesses in Marion that donated to make it all possible for these kids.

Jordan's Scrap Metal

Bridgers Drug Store

Wal-Mart

Pee Dee Federal

Also we would like to thank Mr. Winky Fore for coming out to cook for the kids.

Fall Sports

Marion Recreation is kicking off its' 2013 Fall Sports Season (Soccer, Football and Cheerleading). Please come out and show some support to all our hardworking dedicated coaches and kids. Soccer will be played at Green Street Complex next to Marion High School. Football and Cheerleading will be at Watsonia behind Easterling Primary. We are look forward to having another great season. List below are seventeen tips on how to become great spectator:

- I will not force my child to participate.
- I will remember that kids play to have fun and that the game is for YOUTH, NOT ADULTS.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the league policies.
- I (and my guest) will be a positive role model & encourage sportsmanship.
- I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I will not encourage anything that would endanger the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts peacefully.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will offer praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or others for a mistake or losing.
- I will emphasize skill development and practice and de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes.
- I will respect the officials and their authority and the coaches for their decisions.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
- I will refrain from coaching (unless I am one) my child or others during games and practices.

Book Club

Marion Recreation is now offering a Book Club on the third Thursday of each month at the Watsonia location from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The club is run by Ms. Ronda Todd. If you are interested in participation please call her directly at 843-340-7904.

Senior Bhgo

We offer Senior Bingo the first & third Thursday of each month. Bingo is **FREE** of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

Auction of the Arts

The Arts Council of Marion County, during its annual meeting at the Opera House, Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30, will have an auction of the arts that will serve as a fundraiser for the organization.

Donors of the various works of art are residents of Marion County or persons who are native to the area. Art to be auctioned include original paintings, drawings, culinary art, quilting, jewelry, photography, music CD's and pottery. Attendees will also have an opportunity to bid on a piano!

The public is welcome to attend.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013 COME JOIN US AT WITHLACOOCHEE PARK FROM 9:00 A.M -12 P.M.

The City of Marion is busy planning several events for Saturday, September 21st. The focus is to get outside to have a good time and to stay active. Various groups are conducting tournaments and activities for our community. See which activity best suits you & your family.

Table Tennis Tournament

9:00 a.m.— A.C. Tollison Gym

3rd Annual Table Tennis Tournament

\$5 per person to register to play.

You may sign up early at Watsonia Recreation Monday – Friday (8:a.m. – 5: p.m.)

Or you can sign up the day of the tournament.

Open, Co-ed, Singles & Doubles

Call Russ Smith at 423-5410 for more information.

NFL Punt, Pass & Kick

Withlacoochee Park at 9:55 am

The competition is open to boys & girls ages 6-15. Boys & girls compete separately. Age classifications are based on the child's age as of December 31, 2013. There is no charge to participate!

All participants must show proof of age at each level of competition.

Failure to provide a birth certificate will result in participants being ineligible to compete.

Participants can register & compete in only one local competition and must register.

Online or submit the signed parental entry form/release of liability, found online at

www.nflppk.com, to the Marion Recreation Department. Call Russ or Cheryl

at (843) 423-5410 for more information.

Competition will be held rain or shine!

Champion Martial Arts

Champion Martial Arts and Fred's Karate will sponsor fun & games with a martial arts exhibition, games, exercises and more from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Volleyball Tournament

Tournament held at Volleyball pit behind tennis courts at 10:30 a.m.

Don't forget after all the fun, games & friendly competition head over to The Farmer's Market on Main Street in front of First Citizens Bank to enjoy the Marion Police Fish Fry Fundraiser & 1st Corn Hole Tournament. Call Chuck for more information, 423-9918.

**COME OUT AND ENJOY "PLAY DAY 2013"
SEE YOU THERE**

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www.marionsc.gov and on
Facebook under City of Marion, South Carolina.**

Scholarship Recipient Miss Sarah Edwards



Sarah Edwards

The Marion Music Club hosted auditions for its annual music scholarship on April 15th, 2013 at the Marion Opera House.

The recipient of this year's scholarship is Miss Sarah Edwards, a senior at Marion High School who sang and played the guitar.

Sarah is the daughter of Yvonne and David Edwards. She studied piano and guitar for nearly three years under the tutelage of Kathy Jo Long. She has also studied vocals with Cara Rezzai.

Sarah is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Marion and active in all programs of the church. She has also been a member of the SC Methodist Youth Conference Choir since 2009 and has been a member of the Salkehatchie Summer Service Program since 2009. She plans to attend Converse College, majoring in related arts/music.

The Marion Music Club is honored to present this scholarship to Miss Edwards and wishes her much success and fulfillment in her pursuit of further studies in the field of music and its related arts.

The Swamp Fox Scene is the City of Marion's Free monthly newspaper for citizens and visitor's of the Swamp Fox City, Marion, South Carolina. Printed by Herald Multiforms in Dillon, city employees produce and distribute the newspaper.

The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

Looking for the right place to hold your next event?

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call Russ Smith, 423-5410 for availability.



Youth Safety Awareness

Saturday, September 14, 2013

CD JOYNER AUDITORIUM

1:30—2:30

With Presentation by

Marion County Emergency Services

City of Marion Police Department

City of Marion Fire Department

Learn about being Safe!

Puppet Show!

Bring the Kids!

Questions? Contact Diontrety Gibson

(843) 289-8679



Computer lab open for all

Need to use a computer to apply for a job or conduct research? The Swamp Fox Computer Lab has 13 computers for public use, free of charge and is in the Swamp Fox Higher Ed Center in the C. D. Joyner Fine Arts building on Elizabeth Street. Hours are 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and after lunch 2:00-5:45 p.m. For more information, call Robbie Johnson at 423-6447.

"Find Your Roots"

at the Marion Community Garden
Located at 403 N. Withlacoochee Ave.

Rent a raised bed or attend gardening workshops!

For more information or to become a member

Call: (914) 879-8622

Or Email: SarahTGerald@gmail.com